CLAIMS

1. A recording device comprising:

a dubbing unit operable to execute dubbing in which a source content is read from a first recording medium and a

5 duplicate of the source content is recorded on a second recording medium;

an unattended-recording unit operable to execute unattended recording in which a content preset for recording is acquired from a broadcast signal and recorded to a designated

10 recording destination, being one of the first and second recording media; and

a control unit operable to cause the dubbing unit to (i) suspend the dubbing prior to the start of the unattended recording if the dubbing is being executed, and (ii) resume

15 the dubbing after the end of the unattended recording if the dubbing has been suspended.

2. The recording device of claim 1 further comprising:

a holding unit operable to hold dubbing information for

20 use in the dubbing resumption, wherein

the control unit includes:

a suspension subunit operable to cause the dubbing suspension and to save dubbing information to the holding unit; and

25 a resumption subunit operable, if dubbing information

is held by the holding unit at the end of the unattended

recording, to cause the dubbing resumption based on the dubbing

information.

5   3. The recording device of claim 2, wherein

the dubbing information includes source ID information

uniquely identifying the source content, and position

information showing the suspension position of the reading,

and

10   the dubbing unit reads the source content identified by

the source ID information from the suspension position shown

by the position information if the dubbing is resumed.

4. The recording device of claim 3, wherein

·15   the dubbing information further includes reason

information showing the reason for the dubbing suspension, and

the resumption subunit resumes the dubbing only if the

reason information shows that the dubbing suspension resulted

from the start of the unattended recording.

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5. The recording device of claim 3 further comprising an editing

unit operable to edit a plurality of duplicate contents

resulting from the dubbing suspension into a state in which

contiguous viewing is possible.

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6. The recording device of claim 5, wherein

    the dubbing information further includes first duplicate

ID information uniquely identifying a first duplicate content

recorded prior to the dubbing suspension,

5   the dubbing unit saves second duplicate ID information

uniquely identifying a second duplicate content recorded after

the dubbing resumption to the holding unit, and

    the editing unit edits the duplicate contents identified

by the first and second duplicate ID information into a state

10   in which contiguous viewing is possible.

7. The recording device of claim 6, wherein the editing unit

performs the editing by generating playback-route information

that defines the contiguous playback of the first and second

15   duplicate contents.

8. The recording device of claim 6, wherein the editing unit

performs the editing by generating management information for

managing the first and second duplicate contents as a single

20   contiguous content.

9. The recording device of claim 2, wherein the dubbing unit

secures, in a recording area of the second recording medium

prior to the start of the dubbing, an area having the capacity

25   required in the dubbing, and records the duplicate content in

the secured area.

10. The recording device of claim 9, wherein the secured area is a contiguous recording area.

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11. The recording device of claim 2 further comprising:

a deletion unit operable, if the dubbing is suspended, to delete the duplicate content recorded prior to the dubbing suspension, wherein

10   the dubbing unit performs the dubbing from the head of the source content if the dubbing is resumed.

12. The recording device of claim 2, wherein if the second recording medium is designated as the recording destination

15 and has insufficient free capacity, the unattended-recording unit changes the recording destination to the first recording medium.

13. The recording device of claim 12, wherein the

20 unattended-recording unit performs the change in recording destination prior to the start of the unattended recording, if the total capacity required in the dubbing and the unattended recording exceeds the free capacity of the second recording medium.

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14. The recording device of claim 12, wherein the unattended-recording unit performs the change in recording destination during the unattended recording, if the free capacity of the second recording medium is less than the capacity required in the dubbing after the dubbing resumption.

15. The recording device of claim 2, wherein the holding unit is a rewritable nonvolatile memory.

16. A method for controlling the execution by a recording device of (i) dubbing in which a source content is read from a first recording medium and a duplicate of the source content is recorded on a second recording medium, and (ii) unattended recording in which a content preset for recording is acquired from a broadcast signal and recorded to one of the first and second recording media, comprising the steps of:

causing the dubbing to be suspended prior to the start of the unattended recording if the dubbing is being executed; and

causing the dubbing to be resumed after the end of the unattended recording if the dubbing has been suspended.

17. A computer program for controlling (i) dubbing in which a source content is read from a first recording medium and a duplicate of the source content is recorded on a second

recording medium, and (ii) unattended recording in which a content preset for recording is acquired from a broadcast signal and recorded to one of the first and second recording media, the computer program having a computer execute the steps of:

causing the dubbing to be suspended prior to the start of the unattended recording if the dubbing is being executed; and

causing the dubbing to be resumed after the end of the unattended recording if the dubbing has been suspended.

18. An integrated circuit included in a recording device, comprising:

a dubbing unit operable to execute dubbing in which a source content is read from a first recording medium and a duplicate of the source content is recorded on a second recording medium;

an unattended-recording unit operable to execute unattended recording in which a content preset for recording is acquired from a broadcast signal and recorded to a designated recording destination, being one of the first and second recording media; and

a control unit operable to cause the dubbing unit to (i) suspend the dubbing prior to the start of the unattended recording if the dubbing is being executed, and (ii) resume

the dubbing after the end of the unattended recording if the
dubbing has been suspended.